

## **Mayor Mallory's Message for the Week, October 23, 2006**

### *Cincinnati Wins 2008 NAACP Convention*

On Saturday, October 21, the national NAACP Board chose Cincinnati as the location for its 99<sup>th</sup> annual convention in 2008. Cincinnati leaders have been working all summer to land the convention. In August, Mayor Mallory traveled with a group of city leaders led by the president of the local chapter of the NAACP, Edith Thrower, to Washington DC to make a personal pitch, and earlier this month the city hosted a national delegation from the NAACP for a tour of Cincinnati.

"The entire Cincinnati Community should be extremely proud," Mayor Mallory said. "Today's announcement is the result of a lot of hard work by many people throughout our region. This says a lot about the direction that we are going in our community, and I am excited about what this could mean for the future of our city."

"I want to especially thank the President of the local chapter of the NAACP, Edith Thrower; her leadership has a lot to do with us getting this convention."

The NAACP's 2008 convention is expected to bring 5,000 visitors to Cincinnati and inject over \$3 million into the local economy. More importantly, the convention will bring national attention to the improved state of the Cincinnati community and will inspire further progress in the city.

Cincinnati had been competing with Las Vegas for the 2008 convention.

"I said: 'What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, but what happens in Cincinnati makes national news,'" Mayor Mallory said.